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Out and About

Former New York governor Nelson Rockefeller's aide and biographer, **Joseph Persico**, has signed a contract with Viking Press to write a biography of the late CIA director **William Casey**, who died in May 1987. The depth of Casey's involvement in the Iran-contra scandal is still disputed. The

yet untitled work is scheduled for publication in fall 1990. A Viking spokesman says Persico, who knew Casey over a period of eight years, has the cooperation of the Casey family and access to Casey's papers. Persico, who wrote "The Imperial Rockefeller," says his book will trace Casey from his poor roots in Queens to his role as an old-fashioned patriot who believed anything was justified to combat the evil of communism. He describes Casey's CIA as "far more of a force in the making of Reagan

foreign policy than the more likely departments of State and Defense" . . .